

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-61 were pending. With this amendment, original Claims 1-61 have been canceled. New Claims 62 and 63 are added. Claim 62 recites the limitations of Claim 23 in independent form. Claim 43 recites the limitations of Claim 23 in independent form. As such, neither claim introduces new matter.

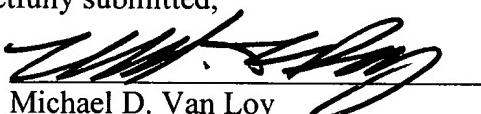
Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's statement that Claims 23 and 43 would be allowable if recast in independent form. Favorable consideration is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number provided if any issues arising in connection with the above-referenced application may be dispensed of by telephone conference. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2559.

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